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COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN EXTENDED THROUGH NOVEMBER 15

Charlene Woody, Library of Congress Vice Chairwoman for the 1974 Combined Federal Campaign, has announced that the campaign has been extended through November 15. The additional two weeks will provide an opportunity for staff members who have not participated in the campaign to contribute by cash donation or payroll deduction. Pledge cards were distributed early in October; duplicate forms are available from keyworkers in each division.

In the fourth reporting period, contributions from Library staff members reached 70.3 percent of the CFC goal of $83,844, although only 26 percent of the staff has participated. The Library can reach its goal with an average total contribution of only $7.65 from each individual in the remaining 74 percent of the staff.

PLAYERS SEEK TALENT

The LC Players, the Library of Congress basketball team, will hold tryouts on a date to be announced for staff members who are interested in playing basketball. The schedule for the 1974-75 season will match the LC Players against teams representing other Government agencies in games held on neutral grounds after working hours. Staff members who are interested in trying out for the team are encouraged to contact Players coach Willie Melson, Card Division, on ext. 6126.

The Library's new Affirmative Action Advisory Committee is pictured on p. 363 of this week's LC *Information Bulletin*.

CONCERTS SET FOR NOVEMBER 7-8

On Thursday and Friday evenings, November 7 and 8, the Gertrude Clarke Whittall Foundation in the Library of Congress will sponsor two concerts of chamber music featuring the Juilliard String Quartet, assisted by Harold Wright, clarinet. The program for this pair of concerts will be Quartet in D major, K. 575 by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart; Quartet in F minor, Op. 95 by Ludwig van Beethoven; and Quintet in B minor, Op. 115 by Johannes Brahms.

Both concerts will begin promptly at 8:30 p.m. in the Coolidge Auditorium of the Library. Tickets for these concerts will be distributed by Patrick Hayes, 1300 G St., N.W., beginning at 8:30 a.m., Monday, November 4. A service charge of 25 cents is placed on each ticket, and only two tickets are distributed to an individual. Telephone reservations may be made on Monday morning by calling 393-4463. Mail orders are not accepted.

The concert on Friday evening will be broadcast in its entirety by Station WETA-FM, and made available

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to stations in other cities through the Katie and Walter Louchheim Fund in the Library of Congress.

URSULA LE GUIN TO LECTURE FOR NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

The Library of Congress will observe National Children's Book Week on Monday, November 11, with a lecture by Ursula Le Guin. An American author of children's books widely appreciated on both sides of the Atlantic, Mrs. Le Guin will discuss writing for children at 7:30 p.m. in the Coolidge Auditorium. Her lecture is presented under the auspices of the Gertrude Clarke Whittall Poetry and Literature Fund. No tickets are required.

Ursula Le Guin, daughter of the anthropologists A. Louis and Theodora Kroeber, was born in Berkeley, Calif. She earned a bachelor's degree from Radcliffe College and a master's degree from Columbia University. In 1952-53, Mrs. Le Guin studied in France as a Fulbright fellow. She now resides in Portland, Oreg., with her husband, Charles A. Le Guin, a college history teacher, and their three children, Elisabeth, Caroline, and Theodore.

Mrs. Le Guin's published books include both works of poetry and of science fiction for adults as well as a trilogy of science fantasy for young readers. Her award-winning stories for each group of readers have dealt chiefly with imaginary countries inhabited by imaginary people with real problems. Her famous Earthsea trilogy includes *A Wizard of Earthsea* (1968), for which she won the *Boston Globe-Horn Book* award in 1968; *The Tombs of Atuan* (1971); and *The Farthest Shore* (1972), for which she won the 1973 National Book Award for children's literature.

Mrs. Le Guin's critical acceptance is strong both in England and in the United States. A *Times Literary Supplement* essayist ranked *A Wizard of Earthsea* as "the likeliest candidate that we have had for some time" to join the works of several famous writers of the past several decades who have "drawn on the extra dimension of magic or fantasy." Margery Fisher describes her as the "only writer at present able to challenge Tolkien on his own ground."

NUC REPORTING PROJECT DISCUSSED

Representatives from the New York Public Library (NYPL) and the Ohio College Library Center (OCLC) met with staff members of the Library's Processing Department on September 27 to discuss a pilot project to report locations for the *National Union Catalog–Register of Additional Locations* in machine-readable form. At present, these institutions are printing cards from their machine-readable records to send to the NUC, and if these records have been cataloged by the Library of Congress, the location reports are posted to the *Register of Additional Locations* where an additional keying step takes place to create another machine-readable record for the register master file. During the pilot, the Library will be receiving these location reports in machine-readable form and processing them for subsequent posting to the register master file.

During this first phase of the pilot, NYPL and OCLC will be reporting locations for monographic publications that have LC card numbers from the 1956 series to date. These records would follow the structure of the LC MARC communications formats and would essentially consist of a complete MARC record or an abbreviated catalog record. After the procedures have been worked out to handle records from these institutions, it is expected that other libraries would be invited to participate.

The first phase of this pilot will begin in 1975. As soon as the Library of Congress is able to process the tapes containing the machine-readable location

reports from these two institutions, it is expected that they will stop sending printed cards to the NUC. The September 27 meeting was attended by James Rizzolo and Michael Malinconico of the New York Public Library, Frederick G. Kilgour of the Ohio College Library Center, and William J. Welsh, Robert R. Holmes, Paul M. Hibschman, Gloria Hsia, Patrick Bernard, Henriette D. Avram, Harry Gochman, and Lenore S. Maruyama from the Library of Congress Processing Department.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Presidential Nominations

The President has nominated three members of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for reappointment to terms expiring July 19, 1979. They are Joseph Becker, President of Becker and Hays, Inc.; Carlos A. Cuadra, Manager of the Library and Documentation Systems Department, Systems Development Corp.; and John E. Velde, Jr., of Pekin, Ill., a grain farmer and investment banker.

Marjorie W. Lynch of Yakima, Wash., has been nominated to become Deputy Administrator of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration. Mrs. Lynch has been an Associate Director of ACTION since October 1973. A native of London, she served in the Washington State Legislature from 1961 until 1971, when she became a Regional Director of ACTION.

STAFF NEWS

RETIREMENT

Vincent DeVera, Private, Special Police Force, retired from the Library on October 18 after 45 years of Government service.

Mr. DeVera was born in Malasiqui, Pangasinan, the Philippines, and attended school there. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in December 1929, serving for 30 years in such duty stations as the White House during the terms of Presidents Harry S Truman and Dwight D. Eisenhower, and in the Pacific during World War II. He participated in several major battles in the Pacific during his tour of duty, including the battles of the Coral Sea, Midway Island, and New Guinea.

In 1959, Mr. DeVera joined the staff of the Library of Congress as a Guard. He was promoted to Guard Private, Specialist-Inspector, in 1967, was reassigned to Security Guard, Reference Department, in 1968, and in 1969, was named to the position which he held at his retirement.

AWARDS

Jennifer V. Magnus, Assistant Chief of the Order Division, was presented a 25-year Federal Service Award pin on September 19 by Robert C. Sullivan, Chief, in a brief ceremony attended by the entire staff of the division. At the ceremony, Mrs. Magnus was presented with a scrapbook, assembled by Shirley Lebo, which humorously records some of the highlights of Mrs. Magnus' career in the Library.

Mrs. Magnus was first employed at the Library in 1949 as a Searcher in the Card Division, and was promoted to a Bibliographer-Searcher position in the Order Division in October 1951. In 1953, she became Head of the Bibliographic Unit and subsequently was promoted to Assistant Head of the Order Section, Head of the Receiving and Clearing Section, Head of the Order Preparation Section, and Assistant Operations Officer. In June 1968, she was appointed Assistant Chief and Operations Officer, and in June 1969 she was promoted to her present position.

In addition to capably handling her division responsibilities, she has contributed her services for many years to the Library of Congress Credit Union and Professional Association. She has been active in the American Library Association and the Special Libraries Association and is currently Chairman of the ANSI Z-39 Subcommittee to draft a standard library book order form. Mr. Sullivan pointed out that Mrs. Magnus' service reflects great credit on her, on the Library of Congress, and on the library profession.

Elena Stanka, Head of the Slavic Languages Section, was presented a 25-year Federal Service Award pin by Elizabeth Tate, Chief of the Descriptive Cataloging Division, on October 11.

Miss Stanka, who is a native Lithuanian and a graduate of the University of Kaunas, had a varied career before coming to the United States. After receiving her law degree, she worked in the courts of justice in Kaunas, was admitted to the bar in 1943, and practiced as a barrister until July 1944. During the war she was a translator, interpreter, and later a lecturer in English at the Baltic University in exile.

Miss Stanka came to the Library of Congress not long after her arrival in the United States, joining the Slavic Languages Section as a Junior Cataloger. Her work in positions of increasing responsibility in that section has led to the position she now holds.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Appointments: Kathryn A. Brown, legal assistant (general), GS-7, CRS A, 7152; Barbara Lee Buchanan, training instructor (braille), GS-5, DBPH, 7070; Dorothy Butler, library aid, GS-3, Ser, 6868; Patricia Garrison, clerk-typist, GS-2, GR&B, 8-600; Mark Evans Kozielski, computer programmer, GS-7, MARC Dev, 6858; Melissa D. Ohlemiller, copyright cataloger, GS-7, Cop Cat, 7140; Paul S. Rundquist, social science analyst, GS-9, CRS GGR, 7024; Teena M. Siggers, clerk-typist, GS-2, GR&B, 8-600.

Temporary Appointment: Larry M. Boyer, technical information specialist, GS-6, LL AB, 7097.

Reappointments: Marva Britt, clerk-typist, GS-4, MARC Dev, 7058; Jill T. Horak, clerk-typist, GS-4, Cop Serv, 7150; Odell V. Johnson, clerk-typist, GS-3, Cat Publ, 8-500; Janet M. Lawrence, research production assistant, GS-9, CRS A, NP; Ronald D. Miller, copyright examiner, GS-7, Cop Exam, 7124.

Promotions: Harold S. Boyd, Cat Publ, to records supervisor, GS-9, Cop Serv, 7010; Patrick Nashan, Ser Rec, to library technician, GS-7, MARC Ed, 4.

Transfer: Yoshiko E. Roache, Share Cat, to library technician, GS-7, MARC Ed, 4.

Resignation: Alice S. Corley, Desc Cat.

STAFF ACTIVITIES

John Y. Cole, Coordinator, Foreign Newspaper Microfilming, Reference Department, is the author of an article entitled "A Congenial Intellectual Occupation," appearing in the Fall issue of *Manuscripts.* The article, based on correspondence in the Ainsworth Spofford Papers in the Library's Manuscript Division, describes the 1861 decision of Spofford to leave Cincinnati, Ohio, in order to accept the position of Assistant Librarian of Congress. Mr. Spofford was Librarian of Congress from 1865 to 1897.

Arline Custer, Head of the Manuscripts Section, Descriptive Cataloging Division, has accepted appointments to serve on the Manuscripts Committee of the Association of College and Research Libraries Rare Books and Manuscripts Section and on the Society of American Archivists Committee on Techniques for the Control and Description of Archives and Manuscripts.

Joseph C. Hickerson, Head of the Archive of Folk Song, has compiled a 42-page "Bibliography of American Folksong in the English Language," which appears in *American Folk Poetry: An Anthology* (Boston, Little Brown & Co., 1974), a new publication compiled by Duncan Emrich, former Head of the Archive.

Arthur J. Lieb, Head of the Shelflisting Section, Subject Cataloging Division, was a guest of the University of Michigan School of Library Science in early October. During his two days on campus, Mr. Lieb discussed the general services provided by the Library of Congress with two sections of a course entitled "Libraries in American Society," and gave a slide presentation on the Processing Department's cataloging operations to an advanced cataloging class. Mr. Lieb is President of the Michigan Library Science Alumni Society.

Leo A. Orleans, Reference Department Office, is the author of two articles, "China's Population: Some Confirmation and Estimates," which appeared in the March issue of *Current Scene,* and "Chinese Statistics: The Impossible Dream," published in the May issue of *The American Statistician.*

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS PUBLICATIONS

Monthly Checklist of State Publications. ISSN 0027-0288. Vol. 65, No. 10. October 1974. (pp. 699-769.) For sale by the Superintendent of Documents for 90 cents for single monthly issues except June and December for $1.55, or $12.80 a year, domestic, and $16 a year, foreign (LC 30.9:65/10).

Press Releases: No. 74-38 (October 9) Hockey Schedules Available in Braille for the Blind from Library of Congress; No. 74-39 (October 22) Allen Curnow and Thom Gunn to Read Poetry Selections at the Library of Congress on Monday, November 4, 1974; No. 74-40 (October 23) Japanese Posters Exhibited in Library of Congress.

NEW REFERENCE WORKS

Index to Art Reproductions in Books, compiled by the staff of the Hewlett-Woodmere Public Library under the direction of Elizabeth W. Thomson (The Scarecrow Press, 1974. 372 p. $12.50), reviews the contents of 65 art books.

The first alphabet consists of entries under the artist's name, with the works listed either in English, Italian, German, or French as they appeared in the original source.

The second half of the book is a title index with the titles of the works copied verbatim as they appear on the pages of the book. This has led to such unfortunate entries as *"Cardinal* Richelieu," *"Die* Feuerwehr," *"Bust* of Ptolemy," *"View* at Amalfi." It would have been more useful to the subject-oriented

The Librarian's Affirmative Action Advisory Committee held its second meeting on Thursday, October 10. This committee was formed in July by expanding the membership of the 1973 Affirmative Action Coordinating Committee to include representatives of employee staff organizations. Under the broadened representational concept, Library employees will now play a larger role in affirmative action programming and planning. Attending this meeting were (seated, left to right) Lee Stinner, Reference Department Human Relations Committee; Maggie DuPree, Personnel Office; Pedro Alvarez, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Local 2477; Dorothy Kearney, LC Professional Association; William Holloway, CRS Human Relations Committee; Joan Van Blake, Processing Department; and Morrigene Holcomb, Federal Women's Program Coordinator.

Also present (standing, left to right) were Raphael Perl, Law Library Human Relations Committee; Olliver Hutchinson, Personnel Office; Jack McDonald, Reference Department; Adoreen McCormick, Librarian's Office; Kimberly Dobbs, Law Library; Glen Zimmerman, Processing Department; Eugene Walton, Assistant Director of Personnel for Equality Programs; Sammy Washington, Administrative Department; Pablo Calvan, Spanish Coordinator; and Noel Peterson, Administrative Department Human Relations Committee. (Miss DuPree and Mr. Hutchinson serve as staff assistants to this committee.) Members not pictured: Edith Belmear, Processing Department Human Relations Committee; Sandra Turner, Librarian's Office Human Relations Committee; Russell Neal, Copyright Office Human Relations Committee; Clark Hamilton, Copyright Office; Norman Beckman, Congressional Research Service; and Wiley Boyd, Reference Department Human Relations Committee, who was represented by Mr. Stinner.

reader to index all personal names under family names, for example, "Pierce, Franklin," instead of "President Franklin Pierce." Geographical names should also have been indexed under locations such as "Arles Amphitheatre," instead of "*View* of the Arles Amphitheatre," which no reader could possibly find. It is surprising that the authors did not realize that these title entries do not lead searchers to the subject needed, a serious flaw in a reference book.

The Scarecrow Press has published several other pictorial indexes in previous years. These were prepared by different authors, and deal with reproductions in other publications than those listed in this volume.

Index to Art Reproductions in Books is available for consultation in the Prints and Photographs Division Reading Room. [*Renata V. Shaw*]

Volume 50 of the State of Louisiana's *Public Documents*, which lists the official publications of Louisiana received during the year 1973, also includes, as a separate section, a listing of author headings for the official publications of the State of Louisiana for

1948-1973. Prepared under the direction of Margaret T. Lane, Louisiana Recorder of Documents, this list is a supplement to *1803-1947 Author Headings for the Official Publications of the State of Louisiana* (Chicago, American Library Association, 1948. 125 p.) now out of print, which was compiled by Lucy B. Foote, former Head of the Louisiana State University Library Cataloging Department. The supplement gives the formal name of each agency, when the agency was established, and its relationship to other state agencies.

This issue of *Public Documents* is dedicated to the memory of Miss Foote (1893-1973), and contains a biographical sketch of her by Norris McClellan, Professor Emeritus of Library Science, Louisiana State University. Miss Foote joined the Louisiana State University library staff as Assistant Documents Librarian in 1924, became Head of the Cataloging Department in 1927, and retired from the staff in 1958 after serving as Librarian of the Louisiana Room for five years. *Public Documents* is in the Library's general collections. [*Nancy Balz*]

NEWS IN THE LIBRARY WORLD

MEETINGS AND COURSES

The **Office of Science Information** in Washington, D.C., is sponsoring a Conference on Recent Research in Knowledge Delivery (Fact Retrieval) Systems, on November 4, at 10 a.m. For further information and reservations, interested persons should contact James H. Joy, National Science Foundation, Office of Science Information Service, 1800 G St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20550.

The **District of Columbia Library Association** Technical Services Interest Group will meet on the theme "Automated Cataloging Systems of the Seventies" on November 18 in the Martin Luther King Memorial Library Auditorium at 7 p.m. Speakers will include Frederick G. Kilgour, Executive Director of the Ohio College Library Center, and S. Michael Malinconico, Assistant Chief of the Systems Analysis and Data Processing Office, New York Public Library.

A three-day conference on the use of on-line terminal searching for reference librarians will be held at the **Pratt Institute** on January 20-22, 1975. Sponsored by the Pratt Institute Graduate School of Library and Information Science, this conference is the second in the series, "Library and Information Center Up-Date 19--." Techniques for search strategies will be discussed and types of systems evaluated for searching potential. The conference will relate the simple telephone networking of today with the on-line searching of tomorrow. Registration is limited to 40 librarians. The fee is $125 and the deadline for registration is January 6, 1975. Information and registration forms are available from the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11205, tel. (212) 636-3704.

The **Pratt Institute** is also offering two telecommunications courses for librarians and library school students during this academic year. The courses, "Telecommunications in Information Dissemination" and "Television and Libraries," will be given for three consecutive weeks each, Monday through Thursday, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. The first course will be offered on January 6-24, and the second course on June 3-23. For additional information, costs, and registration forms, interested persons should contact the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11205, or call (212) 636-3704.

APPOINTMENT

Arthur Plotnik has been appointed Editor of *American Libraries*, the official journal of the 35,000-member American Library Association, effective January 2. A graduate of Columbia University Library School, Mr. Plotnik joined the staff of the Library of Congress as a special recruit in 1966, and worked in several departments of the Library, including the Information Office. He has been Associate Editor of the *Wilson Library Bulletin* since February 1969.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **National Library of Australia** has been designated as the Australian focal point for UNISIST, an international UNESCO project for a World Science Information System. The UNISIST Program is based on a joint UNESCO-International Council of Scientific Unions feasibility study, and the work plan has been developed in accordance with the recommendations of the UNISIST Intergovernmental Conference held in October 1971.

The New York Public Library is closing three large neighborhood libraries beginning November 18. The closings, the first to be effected because of a shortage of staff in the 73-year history of the New York Public Library's Branch System, will make it possible to transfer the three staffs to other branches as part of the Library's continuing efforts to maintain some evening and Saturday public service hours in the face

of the city's systematic elimination of staff positions. The libraries slated for closing are the Jefferson Market Regional Branch in Manhattan, Baychester Branch in the Bronx, and Todt Hill-Westerleigh Branch on Staten Island.

The **National Library of Australia** is preparing to microfilm the National Union Catalogue of Monographs (NUCOM). Copies of the microfilm will be available to all libraries for the cost of making a duplicate from the microform master. Preparation of the NUCOM file for microfilming is being undertaken as a 12-month project extending from July 1974 to June 1975. It is expected that the microfilming operation will take four to six months and may begin in January 1975 when half the file should have been prepared. Viewing NUCOM as a unique resource and a costly investment, the National Library of Australia wishes to improve access to it and thereby extend its use. The cost of making a copy of the NUCOM microfilm is currently estimated at $800 for a projected 86 reels of film.

The **American Library Association** is introducing a new dues schedule beginning with the 1975 membership (calendar) year. The dues schedule features a simple flat rate of $35 for librarians, trustees, and friends of libraries. Division memberships are an additional $15 each. Students and non-salaried or retired librarians pay $10 basic dues plus $15 for each division selected. Foreign librarians not employed in the United States pay $20 basic dues plus $15 per division. For applications or information contact the ALA Public Information Office, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, Ill. 60611.

The new **Gallery of the Archives of American Art** will open its first exhibition on November 8, to remain on view until the fall of 1975. The Gallery is on the first floor of the Smithsonian Institution's National Portrait Gallery, 8th and F Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C., and will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The exhibition commemorates the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Archives of American Art and the fifth year of the Archive's affiliation with the Smithsonian Institution.

The **District of Columbia Library Association** is recruiting new members. Persons interested in joining DCLA should contact Lee Decker, Library of Congress, Descriptive Cataloging Division, Audiovisual Section. The next DCLA activity will be a buffet honoring new members on November 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Library of the National Portrait Gallery [see last week's *Information Bulletin*, p. 355]. Future activities include a program on Government documents, a multimedia workshop, and a return to nature carnival.

Exhibits at the 40th General Council Meeting of the **International Federation of Library Associations**, to be held in Washington, D.C., on November 16-23, will be open to librarians, library staff, students, and teachers. An area of more than 100 book, equipment, and library services exhibits will be open for viewing on Monday, November 18, from 4 to 7 p.m., and on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 19 and 20, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Registration for those wishing to view only the exhibits is available free of charge to persons working in libraries and information centers or affiliated with library schools who write to the IFLA Exhibits Manager, American Library Association, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, Ill. 60611. Requests for advance exhibit registration should be submitted on the library or school letterhead and should be accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Information on full conference registration may be obtained by calling the IFLA Local Arrangements Conference Office in Washington on 232-2434.

PUBLICATIONS

The Art Libraries Society of North America is offering a bibliography entitled *The Slide as a Communication Tool*, a selective annotated bibliography compiled by Juan R. Freudenthal, School of Library Science, Simmons College. This, the second revised edition of this bibliography, lists the most recent literature on the slide as reflected primarily in library literature. The price is $1.50 prepaid to ARLIS/NA, P.O. Box 3692, Glendale, Calif. 91201.

Canadian Library Systems and Networks, published by the Canadian Library Association, 151 Sparks St., Ottawa, Ont. K1P 5E3, is available for $3 a copy. The 50-page booklet contains nine papers presented at a symposium on the planning and development of Canadian library systems and networks at the Canadian Library Association Conference held in Winnipeg on June 25.

The **National Archives and Records Service** has published a catalog which lists and describes National Archives microfilm publications deposited with the Chicago Regional Archives Branch during 1971-73 and available for use at the Chicago center or through interlibrary loan in the area served by Region 5—Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin, and Province of Ontario. "Microfilm List No. 1" (May 1974) is available free from the Chief, Archives Branch, Federal Archives and Records Center, 7358 S. Pulaski Rd., Chicago, Ill. 60629.

A copy of the 67-page *Proceedings of the MPLA Conference on Interlibrary Cooperation*, held on May 23-25, 1973, is available for $5.20 from Joe Edelen, USD Libraries, Vermillion, S. Dak. 57069. The conference marked the beginning of a new direction for the Mountain Plains Library Association. Ideas presented at that meeting may be applicable to other regional associations.

The Chemical Abstracts Service has available, free of charge, a booklet, *CAS Today*, describing in a broad, general manner, the nature and purposes of CAS, its publications and services, and the manner in which these publications and services are produced. The discussion is intended primarily for the user of CAS publications and information services rather than for those directly involved in chemical documentation or information science. A copy of the 32-booklet may be obtained from the Public Information Department, Chemical Abstracts, Columbus, Ohio 43210.

The *National Endowment for the Humanities Program Announcement, 1974-1975*, contains 51 pages devoted to information for all applicants, calendar of application deadlines, research grants, fellowships, education programs, public programs, youthgrants programs, summary of program deadlines, and a staff directory. This publication is free upon request from the National Endowment for the Humanities, 806 15th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20506.

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